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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs)
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Secretary, 40 Committee

SUBJECT: December Forecast and November Highlights of NRP Satellite
and Aircraft Activities

Attached is the National Reconnaissance Program forecast of over-
flight activities for the month of December 1973, and highlight informa-
tion for the past 30 days on previously approved overflight activities.

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Attachment

NRO review(s) completed.

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FORECAST OF IDEALIST/TACKLE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 1973

<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	25X1
4 Peripheral	U-2R		China/S. China Coasts	
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NOTE: 1. The eight peripheral missions will be flown against valid USIB requirements, and will be conducted in accordance with the restrictions set forth by higher authority on 5 August 1971 (to remain at least 25 nm offshore from the PRC and to avoid overflights of PRC held islands).

2. Plans are still active to fly the one remaining of the two IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD missions previously approved as soon as weather and equipment permit.

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IDEALIST/TACKLE HIGHLIGHTS 13 OCT - 15 NOV 1973

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
		The mission was a routine flight with no significant items to report. However, due to a navigation error the aircraft approached four nm off mainland. No PRC reaction to the mission was observed. Missions were on a stand-down 7-16 November during the Secretary of State's visit to China.

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IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD HIGHLIGHTS 15 OCT - 14 NOV 1973

NONE NOTE: "H" camera was deployed to support FORWARD PASS exercise during this period.



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FORECAST OF IDEALIST FORWARD PASS AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 1973

<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
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NONE

NOTE: The FORWARD PASS aircraft was returned to Edwards AFB on 13 November 1973.

FORECAST OF OLYMPIC FIRE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 1973

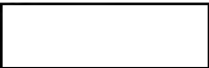
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4 Overflights	U-2R		Cuba	25X1
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NOTE: Estimate one/two sorties, depending on the weather, will be used to satisfy valid USIB requirements. The remaining sorties requested for use against other extraordinary/quick reaction requirements that may occur during the month.

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OLYMPIC FIRE HIGHLIGHTS 13 OCT - 12 NOV 1973

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	25X1
GA-014	25 Oct	1. The missions were flown to maintain surveillance of Cuban military forces, which had been placed on increased alert status, as well as the construction of artillery sites on the periphery of Guantanamo Naval Base. None of the activity noted indicates any increased threat to the base. [REDACTED]	25X1
GA-107	1 Nov		
GA-108	9 Nov		
		2. As of 12 November the USIB requirement for 90% of Cuba to be photographed quarterly showed [REDACTED] of the area covered. By 1 January, if no missions are flown during December, the quarterly requirement will stand at over [REDACTED]	25X1 25X1

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FORECAST OF GIANT REACH AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 1973

NUMBER OF
MISSIONS

VEHICLE

TYPE

COUNTRY

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SR-71

Middle East

NOTE: GIANT REACH SR-71 aircraft are at present on a 24-hour alert basis at Seymour-Johnson AFB. Depending on the Arab/Israeli situation, GIANT REACH missions to the Middle East may be requested in December.

GIANT REACH HIGHLIGHTS 13 OCT - 15 NOV 1973

MISSION
NUMBER

DATE
FLOWN

REMARKS

GX 004	13 Oct
GX 005	25 Oct
GX 007	4 Nov
GX 008	11 Nov

Missions were flown from and recovered at Griffiss AFB without incident; however, the 11 November mission was recovered at Seymour Johnson AFB.

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